COUNTY COURTS' INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATES N A 2016-2018



Commission on Technology
Analysis, Review, and Approval
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2014-2016 ITSP Development

- ► COT directed **change to scope** of plan updates for urban LJs and superior courts on annual submittal timeline; rurals remained as is
- ► Continued two-step planning approach
- ► Collected **business drivers** first; **no February COT** to share them
- ► Collected updated IT initiatives, projects, and inventories
 - Focused on project lifecycle and alignment information
 - Inventory relied largely on TRP post-refresh numbers
 - Updated some statewide projects' impact information
- ► Will recap **notable accomplishments, plans, and issues** in risk analysis approach, then request approval for each plan
- ► Will **communicate** COT decision/concerns to each presiding judge
- ► Approach for next year will be 2 urban counties plus all rurals not included this year 8 plans

COT Review/Approval of Projects

- ▶ **Recognizing** in concept the local needs, initiatives, and drivers for technology projects
- ► **Approving** only specific projects that clearly conform to existing standards and directions <u>and</u> have sufficient detail provided in plan
- Not approving, but **acknowledging**, general references to projects which are pending future additional information to be provided
- ► **Rejecting** specific projects that appear to run counter to adopted directions and priorities
- ▶ **Reminding** all courts that referencing a project in an IT plan does not constitute a project investment justification, request for service, or a project plan as required by COT's project methodology

Court Business Trends

- Increase operational efficiencies, public access to court services as well as cybersecurity, physical security, and formal business continuity planning
- > Recruit and retain a well trained, motivated workforce
- Expand justice integration and electronic information sharing
- > Expand video for court proceedings, training, cust svc
- Improve or expand facilities and their usefulness to changing caseloads
- Continue digitization efforts and replacement of outdated systems & infrastructure

Court Technology Trends

- Desire to get/share digitized materials including e-filing, local public access solutions, online fillable forms, backscanning historical docs – balance rapidly tipping toward digital input
 - Workflow software growing topic at GJ level, especially in OnBase
 - **eCitation** now clearly the norm for handling citation load
 - Disconnected scanning now adopted by 59 LJ courts
- Local **video projects** growing in number, though most in concept stage, motivation is addressing LEP, court reporting shortages, making court friendlier for users, training clerks
 - IA demands within county continue to grow
 - Already seeing associated bandwidth/traffic priority impacts
- ▶ Out-of-support operating systems, office productivity tools, and database management tools continue to be addressed over time
 - Gaps will widen again as EA targets get updated in FY16

Ageing Software Details*

Product/Release	Mainstream Lost	All Support Lost	Replacement
Windows NT 4 s	12/31/2002	12/31/2004	Windows 2000 s
Windows 2000 s	6/30/2005	7/13/2010	Windows 2003 s
Windows 2003 s	7/13/2010	7/14/2015	Windows 2008 s
SQL Server 7	12/31/2005	1/11/2011	SQL 2000
SQL 2000 s	4/8/2008	4/9/2013	SQL 2005 s
SQL 2005 s	4/12/2011	4/12/2016	SQL 2008 s
Windows XP	4/14/2009	4/8/2014	Windows 7/8
Visual Studio 2005	4/12/2011	4/12/2016	Visual Studio 10/12

^{*} Dates according to Microsoft product lifecycle support website

Court Technology Trends (cont'd)

- ► Frustrations continue over lack of statewide **e-payment solution**
 - Courts that adopted early are already changing vendors
 - Most part of county- or city-standard solution
- Courtroom audio/video refreshes underway; plans in place to expand reach and coverage, including remote interpreters in rural superior courts
- Several courts pursuing local resources to write own custom reports
- Continued turnover of local court technology resources; most project end dates getting extended
 - Project numbers hard to compare due to "lite" approach
- Common items I won't cover for every court
 - OnBase upgrade, PC refresh, disconnected scanning, website work, JOLTSaz

COCHISE COUNTY COURTS

- ▶ Desire full e-filing of civil cases and enhancing public access to older documents; LJs desire electronic reporting to DPS
- ➤ Probation pursuing A+ School system for LearnLab; updating Juvenile phone system
- ► Establishing Veterans' Court; continuing longrunning Arizona Memory Project
- ► Implemented credit card payments via the web using Point and Pay; all courts on disconnected scanning
- ► Implemented and now expanding **videoconferencing** for court reporters and remote interpreters; improved courtroom audio
- Risk: Numerous containment and retirement items with no plans to replace or update; unsupported financial programs including MS-Money for jury mgmt

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GRAHAM COUNTY COURTS

- ► Re-implemented FARE collections in AJACS CMS
- ▶ Replaced GroupWise with Outlook/Exchange countywide
- ► Implemented/improved video conferencing equipment and digital recording in limited jurisdiction courts
- ➤ Superior Court and Safford Justice Court plan to provide video remote interpretation
- ▶ JP#1 considering standalone OnBase system or disc. scanning
- ► Plan to complete video surveillance system throughout Superior Court facility; Safford Muni moving to new facility
- ▶ **Risk:** Some courts use local forms package (OMNI forms)





GREENLEE COUNTY COURTS

- ▶ Began distributing minute entries to attorneys electronically
- ► Using videoconferencing to reduce travel and address resource shortages; planning to better preserve older audio records
- ➤ Obtained FTR Gold for Justice Court use; upgraded FTR Gold at superior court and instituted backup procedures for audio files
- ► Continuing to improve physical security in superior court
- ▶ Planning to work with county justice partners to eliminate re-keying of criminal data
- ▶ Risk: No LJ court input to plan. Local "Dave's Program" still in use for Probation, even with Windows 8.1





LA PAZ COUNTY COURTS

- ► Continuing to pursue comprehensive **paperless court** operations
 - Electronic records transfers to COA1 and then to other courts
 - EDMS, standardized forms, e-Payment, e-Citation, eAccess
 - Plan to get remaining LJ courts on disconnected scanning
- ► Enable court-to-court videoconferencing
- ► Adding a court interpreter on staff, addressing LEP participants' needs
- ► Migrated merchant accounts to secure virtual terminals; moving ePayment processing to a new vendor
- ▶ Provided online WestLaw access to each court in county
- ► Risk: Windows NT public workstation reported but plan to replace





MARICOPA COUNTY GJ/MCJC

- ► Focus on digitization, internal and external information sharing, and electronic access to court and public records
- Maximize limited resources and use creative management to address workforce needs
- Continuing ICIS Next Generation CMS development; improved performance and resource usage
- Clerk enabled direct e-filing of court documents from iCIS; began managing grand jury cases electronically w/ OnBase WorkView
- ▶ Juvenile 15-minute bed check application completed

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- ► MCJC completed OnBase rollout to all 26 justice court precincts
- ► Risk: Wide range of retirement items still in production use; lack of detail on huge iCISng project

MARICOPA COUNTY LJ COURTS

- Chandler enhanced data exchange with e-citation vendor; replaced XP PCs
- **Gilbert** upgraded FullCourt CMS again and implemented FCE scanning module
- **Glendale** added local case info to city website; completed mental health court app; began recurring billing/autopay for payment contracts
- ▶ **Mesa** switched from AJACS to Tempe's system; began local development
- ▶ **Phoenix** created new PO module; started JAM-to-Panther code migration
- **Scottsdale** ended paper file creation; developed new CourtEZ software
- ► **Tempe** made numerous CMS enhancements and purged closed cases at end of retention period
- Risks: "fileless" and paperless ops without 1-507 exemptions in place yet;
 Tempe still has XP; ERR&D purge requirements apply to local CMSs but no LJ
 plans received; Gilbert and Tempe FARE interfaces still lacking. No Mesa update
 provided; Chandler, Phx and Scottsdale AZTEC replacement

Clarifying CMS Direction for LJs

- ► ACJA 1-501 prevails, even for non-ACAP courts
- ► Grandfathered non-standard CMSs must interface with state systems at local expense (1-501 and 1-505)
- ► AJACS is COT's standard replacement product for any end-of-life CMS
- ► A CMS other than AJACS requires explicit COT exception to be granted
- Maricopa LJ courts need to declare intentions soon to ensure sufficient AOC resources exist for transition

MOHAVE COUNTY COURTS

- Expanding community outreach using kiosks for various functions; redesigning public website; and creating service videos to explain court processes
- ► Managing jury merge/purge process without vendor intervention
- ► Constructed several local applications (superior court)
- Expand integration with justice partners; facilitate integration with other records management systems
- Improve case management practices and service levels, making use of automated performance measures leading to a judicial dashboard
- ► Changed out e-payment vendor for limited jurisdiction courts
- ► Addressed architecture issues from previous plan

▶ Risk: Pursuing superior court workflow solution outside AJACS; not participating in OnBase CDR; high number of local bolt-on apps



NAVAJO COUNTY COURTS

- Restored lost collections functionality in AJACS
- ► Replaced credit/debit card processing solution with n-Court
- ► Implemented early resolution court
- ► Made countywide integrated phone system (VOIP) work for courts on AJIN, with AOC assistance
- Planning to expand videoconferencing to more appearance types in justice courts and into Juvenile Detention
- ► Exploring migration from Polycom system to Lync solution for administrative video needs
- ► Risk: Still dependent on retirement Kofax hardware solution for document scanning 2 years later



PIMA COUNTY COURTS

- ➤ Continued development of functional enhancements for AGAVE CMS; extending AGAVE to juvenile bench with JOLTSaz integration
- Anxious to expand statewide electronic filing project to more law firms and case types; pilot court for new statewide eBench solution
- ➤ Participated in VOIP phone replacement; pursuing secure cloud computing for judicial staff
- Implementing new server backup technology with disaster recovery functionality; identifying a disaster recovery site and implementation plan
- ► Clerk completed PC refresh and moved from paper reporting to DPS ADRS Web reporting tool; implemented party matching for e-filing
- Clerk improving services available on websites, adding Spanish language offerings, and revamping public access to electronic records





PIMA COUNTY LJ COURTS

- ► PCCJC now pursuing AGAVE enhancements and FARE interface after implementing last year
- Completed many technology enhancements as a part of move to new facility
- ► Establishing better disaster recovery site for court systems
- ► Focus on improving records management, expanding digitization, and collections/web payments
- ► Tucson refreshed PCs, began constructing AJACS environment; cleaned up AZTEC data and removed more bolt-on applications
- ► Risk (for all): Numerous out-of-support DBMSs and O/Ss
 - Juvenile court still relying on FTP for scheduled file transfers
 - Tucson still has WordPerfect but pursuing replacement
 - Other projects in place to replace end-of-life hardware and software





YUMA COUNTY COURTS

- ► Improve case processing using workflow software, performance measures, and automated ticklers
- ▶ Plan to relocate JP#1 and establish new superior court division
- ► Update and expand scope and use of courtroom wireless access as well as audio/video recording
- ► Already underway with JOLTSaz conversion/implementation prep
- Implemented technology to support new Mental Health Court
- ► Continued multi-year audio/video upgrade project; increased access to interpreter services
- ► Expanded courtroom docket display monitors into justice courts

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► Risk: Access data + QuickBooks in Probation; MS-Money at Clerk's Office; OoVoo PC videoconference vs Polycom in 2 LJs; number of retirement products not addressed

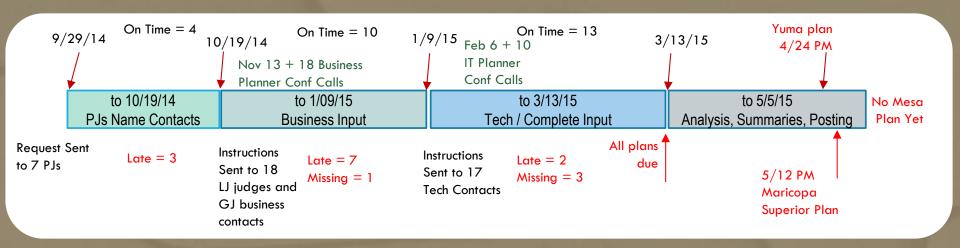
Recap of the "Lite" Process FY16-18

- Business input merely a comparison to previous year local and statewide initiatives
- ► All new accomplishments input
- Reviewed statewide initiative text, impacts, timelines
- ➤ Technical input was only to project summary info and enterprise architecture comparisons to targets
- ► No inventory updates or counts included
- No input from ACAP courts in county
- ► AOC dealt with non-ACAP LJ contacts directly
 - 7 in Maricopa, 2 in Pima, doubling prep effort

"Lite" Cycle Lessons Learned

- Dealing directly with LJs complicates prep effort
 - 9 plans became 18; no more coherent county plans
 - May only reflect teething pain w/ new process
- Maricopa Superior unable to complete "lite" plan updates in 5 months, 8 weeks after deadline
 - 6 of 7 LJs completed on time, 1 never responded
- ► Possible to characterize projects solely from Word tables to complete summary for COT, little detail
- ► Bottom line: How much emphasis on planning process vs. mere submittal of a "plan?"

County & "Lite" Plans Submittal Timeline



Next Steps / Direction

- Notify Presiding Judges of all decisions
 - Obtain revised plans where directed
- Begin work on Branchwide IT Plan for Sept.
- Decide approach & materials for next year
 - Rurals <u>not</u> submitting FY16-18 plans
 - Urbans
 - Full update or lite again?
 - All project details or only summary items?

Questions

